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January 19, 1934 letter to Ethelbert Ward, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, from E.W. Kronquist, General Foreman, Office of Indian Affairs, Field Service, Irrigation

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
FIELD SERVICE
IRRIGATION.

Schurz, Nevada., Jan. 19, 1934

Ethelbert Ward, Esquire,
Special Assistant to the Attorney General,
332 Post Office Building,
Denver, Colorado.

RE: United States v. Walker River Irrigation
District, et al., United States District
Court, Nevada.

Dear Mr. Ward:

Your letter of January 15, 1934, together with copies of letters from Mr. Kearney to Judge St. Sure, Mr. Kearney to you, and your letters to the Attorney General and Mr. Wathen, were received yesterday. These letters strike me as being a very serious matter, and it is my intention to give them close personal attention. I think you are correct when you assume that Mr. Kearney is trying to re-open the suit for the purpose of proving that the Government is abandoning its 1859 rights. However, I think Mr. Kearney is very much in error as to his facts.

The reservoir will be built with Public Works funds, and there is no Congressional appropriation for the construction of a reservoir on the Walker River Reservation. To date, this project has not been approved by the Indian Office, and the work now being done is in the nature of preliminary work prior to actual construction. As to the capacity of the reservoir, the allotment of funds provided for the construction of a reservoir for 6200 acre-feet capacity, but this allotment is insufficient to build a reservoir of this capacity, and we may limit the storage to approximately 3000 acre-feet, making provisions to, at some future time, increase the capacity to 10,000 acre-feet.

If you think that the construction of this reservoir will, in any way, jeopardize the Government's 1859 right,

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please advise me and I will advise the Indian Office to suspend the work on this project until we have assurance from the defendants in the Walker River suit that our rights will not be jeopardized.

I think you are pursuing a proper course in opposing any re-opening of this suit, and I shall support you to the best of my ability in your stand and will advise the Indian Office to that effect.

With best personal regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) E. W. Kronquist,
General-Foreman.

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